(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two persons Mohd Jawed Azmath and Ayub Ali Khan carrying Indian travel documents were detained in Texas shortly after the WTC attacks. They were held on immigration violations and are being treated as material witnesses in the WTC attacks.

(c) The Government is of the view that due process of law of the USA should be allowed to have its course in this case.

Arrest of Pak High Commission official

†528. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an official of Pakistan High Commission has been arrested on the charge of taking secret documents from two employees of the Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to check such incidents in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) A staff member of the Pakistan High Commission was apprehended on November 1, 2001 while receiving some classified documents from two employees of the Indian Navy.

(c) and (d) The Government remains constantly vigilant about the security of the country.

Violence against Hindus in Bangladesh

†529. PROF. R.B.S. VERMA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following the recent elections in Bangladesh, the minorities particularly the Hindus have been subjected to harassment and violence;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.